

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 50, 1/2/2017; SB 51, 1/2/2017; SB 52, 1/2/2017

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 50, Allow digital carcass tags.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:28 Hank Worsch, license bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:06:27 Chair Fielder

00:06:36 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:07:31 Chair Fielder

00:07:37 Mr. Worsch, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis04a01)

00:08:14 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:10:25 Chair Fielder

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:50 Sen. Facey

00:11:10 Mr. Lamb, MWF

00:11:28 Sen. Facey

00:11:46 Mr. Worsch

00:12:19 Sen. Phillips

00:12:57 Mr. Worsch

00:13:05 Sen. Welborn

00:14:12 Mr. Worsch

00:14:47 Chair Fielder

00:14:54 Sen. Vincent

00:15:59 Mr. Worsch

00:16:26 Sen. Smith

00:16:39 Mr. Worsch

00:17:15 Sen. Hinkle

00:17:49 Mr. Worsch

00:18:01 Sen. Hinkle

00:18:49 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:20:21 Chair Fielder

00:20:28 Sen. Cohenour

00:20:54 Mr. Worsch

00:21:06 Dustin Temple, chief of administration, FWP

00:22:02 Chair Fielder

00:22:58 Mr. Worsch

00:23:05 Chair Fielder

00:23:34 Mr. Worsch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:43 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:26:52 Chair Fielder

HEARING ON SB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:04 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 52, Clarify additional penalties for hunting with artificial light.

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:28:42 Chair Fielder

00:29:01 Ron Jendro, chief of enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a03\)](#)

00:30:42 Chair Fielder

00:30:48 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:23 Sen. Cohenour

00:31:40 Chair Fielder

HEARING ON SB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:53 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 51, Revise laws related to fish pond licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:54 Eileen Ryce, Fisheries Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis04a04)

00:38:43 Chair Fielder

00:38:54 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

00:39:19 Chair Fielder

00:39:23 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:39:32 Chair Fielder

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:48 Sen. McClafferty

00:40:15 Ms. Ryce, FWP

00:40:51 Chair Fielder

00:40:55 Sen. Vincent

00:41:52 Ms. Ryce

00:43:08 Sen. Vincent

00:43:20 Ms. Ryce

00:43:28 Sen. Vincent

00:43:32 Ms. Ryce

00:44:12 Sen. Vincent

00:44:33 Ms. Ryce

00:45:10 Sen. Vincent

00:45:23 Ms. Ryce

00:45:31 Ron Jendro, chief of Enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

00:45:53 Sen. Vincent

00:46:39 Mr. Jendro, FWP

00:47:14 Sen. Vincent

00:47:54 Ms. Ryce

00:48:09 Chair Fielder

00:48:13 Sen. Cohenour

00:49:17 Ms. Ryce

00:49:27 Chair Fielder

00:49:36 Sen. Hinkle

00:50:03 Ms. Ryce

00:50:37 Sen. Hinkle

00:50:42 Ms. Ryce

00:50:47 Chair Fielder

00:50:52 Sen. Phillips

00:51:14 Mr. Lamb, MWF

00:52:20 Sen. Phillips

00:52:26 Sen. Vincent

00:52:55	Ms. Ryce
00:53:15	Sen. Hinkle
00:53:54	Ms. Ryce
00:54:11	Chair Fielder
00:55:40	Sen. Facey
00:56:43	Chair Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:59	Sen. Facey
01:00:39	Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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